

**RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO
ADDRESS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
IDENTITY THEFT**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carlene M. Walker

House Sponsor: David Clark

Cosponsors: John W. Hickman Peter C. Knudson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to resolve federal identity theft and fraud issues.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ urges the United States Congress to pass identity theft and fraud legislation related to the intentional misuse of a Social Security number by an individual or a company;
- ▶ urges that the legislation include increased and effective verification requirements by companies, accompanied by the tools and resources necessary to adequately verify whether or not a Social Security number is fraudulent, increased penalties for individuals who intentionally use fraudulent Social Security numbers to obtain employment, avoid child support obligations, or for other personal gain; and
- ▶ urges that the legislation include increased penalties for companies who repeatedly report wages on employees with fraudulent Social Security numbers.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

29 WHEREAS, identity theft and fraud includes the theft of a person's Social Security
30 number for the purpose of obtaining employment, avoiding child support payments, or for other
31 personal gain;

32 WHEREAS, contributing to the problems are companies that do not have the tools or
33 resources necessary to adequately verify whether or not a Social Security number is fraudulent
34 and companies that are notified of fraudulent Social Security numbers of employees but take no
35 corrective action; and

36 WHEREAS, identity theft and fraud are national problems that must be addressed with
37 additional countermeasures:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
39 Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Congress to support, work to pass, and
40 vote for legislation that prevents the misuse of a person's Social Security number, whether by an
41 individual or a company.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor urge that the
43 legislation include increased and effective verification requirements by companies, accompanied
44 by the tools and resources necessary to adequately verify whether or not a Social Security
45 number is fraudulent, and increased penalties for individuals who intentionally use fraudulent
46 Social Security numbers to obtain employment, avoid child support obligations, or for other
47 personal gain.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge that the
49 legislation include increased penalties for companies who repeatedly report wages on employees
50 with fraudulent Social Security numbers.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Majority
52 Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
53 the Social Security Administration, the Utah Department of Workforce Services, and to the
54 members of Utah's congressional delegation.